

DETAILED ACTION

Application Status

1. Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007 on January 29, 2008 is acknowledged.
2. Claims *1,5-16,19 and 21-26* are pending and are under examination.
3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification

4. The specification is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 19 of the specification there is an extraneous period (.), see paragraph [0055] where the following appears "...di-PEG conjugate..".

Correction is required.

Claim Objection

5. Claims 11-15 and 25-26 are objected to because of the following informalities:
Claims 11-12 are objection to for the recitation of "...having one to three free covalently linked...", in lieu of "...having one to three free amino groups covalently linked...".
Claims 13-15 are objected to because the composition does not recite a carrier. The instant specification describes a pharmaceutical composition and the claims indicate that the

composition is used for treatment, thus would be a pharmaceutical composition needing a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 25-26 are objected to because claim 25 appears to be missing a phrase following "Y is" and "the average molecular weight", thus it is suggested that the claim is amended to recite, "...wherein, the average molecular weight...". In addition, claim 25 recites "comprising" instead of "comprises" in line 4 of the claim.

Correction is required.

6. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Conclusion

7. Claims 1,5-10,16,19 and 21-24 are allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hope A. Robinson whose telephone number is 571-272-0957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nashaat T. Nashed, can be reached at (571) 272-0934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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